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**Special Trustee Gives Spotlight Address at National Congress of American Indians 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention**

*The Special Trustee for American Indians addresses the leaders of Indian Country to report on “OST at 20” and outline future plans for the Office of the Special Trustee*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Special Trustee for American Indians, Vince Logan, gives a spotlight address during the National Congress of American Indians 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention on October 22, 2015.

Special Trustee Logan highlights the progress made by the Special Trustee's office in the two decades since its establishment. He also looks ahead to find opportunities for the Department of Interior and Tribal governments to work together to preserve the gains made in trust reform, while moving toward modernization and greater self-determination. The conference, which also includes sessions and panels with other representatives from the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST), will have a comprehensive range of breakouts that addresses topics such as a yearly policy update, health sovereignty, as well as a workshop on how to create a tribe advocacy plan.

“This is a wonderful venue to share the progress that OST has made in the two decades since its establishment,” said Mr. Logan. “The chance to engage with the leaders of Indian Country is always top on my list of priorities.”

Logan will be available to speak to tribal leaders at the conference and plans to share information about the services that OST offers to tribes. The Special Trustee's visit to NCAI is part of a year-long initiative to visit OST field offices, important Indian Country gatherings, and communities to continue a fruitful dialog between the office and Indian Country, as well as share news of OST's two decades of accomplishment.

“Being a part of one of the most important gathering of indigenous leaders in the country is a real privilege and I look forward to continuing the conversation between OST and Indian Country,” said Logan. “OST hopes to participate in these events for years to come as we move forward as a partner with Indian Country.”

The Special Trustee will host the next meeting of the Special Trustee Advisory Board in Washington, DC on November 3-4, 2015.

### **Media Availability**

The Special Trustee is available for interviews before his speech and during sessions on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Special arrangements can be made prior to Oct. 21, 2015 if a media availability cannot be accommodated on the current schedule. Other senior leaders of the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians will also be available for interviews and media availabilities. For more information and to schedule a time with the Special Trustee or other senior leader, please email the Director of Communications at [Genevieve\\_Billia@ost.doi.gov](mailto:Genevieve_Billia@ost.doi.gov), or call at (202) 208-4289.